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COAL PROFITEERING.

Of very great concern to the general public from now until winter comes will be the efforts of the Federal Government to prevent illegal profiteering in the sale of coal. Aside from the belief we all have that the coal strike will be settled in time, the coal that will be available during the next few months will be inadequate to meet the demand.

It is evident that our reserve supply of coal will be soon consumed and it will be many months before the miners can replace it and still supply the everyday demand. Herein the government should take a hand and see to it that there is no illegal price fixing by the operators.

The economic fact that there is a shortage of coal, itself, will be cause enough for the rise in price. Everyone expects a rise due to those conditions, but there should be no outlandish advance that will cause hardship on families in need.

The public has a right to full protection against any coal profiteering by either the producers or the wholesale or retail dealers in that necessary commodity. The government, already, has foreseen such a situation and has made provisions, through the Interstate Commerce Commission, to take charge of all coal cars and the transportation of coal. That body will be responsible for the delivery and it ought to be able to say, with authority, where it will go.

Before the November election, people over the country will have the pleasure of again hearing their own demonstrations.

DO IT NOW.

The time to put out a fire on the roof is a month before it starts. Often in Columbia it isn't extinguished until the roof is gone and the interior of the house is badly damaged. That is not the fault of the fire-fighting system; it lies in the householder's neglect to prevent the fire.

Notwithstanding the coal situation, coal will be consumed in large quantities this coming season. It is likely that many shingles which are not doing service as kindling will also go up in smoke. A hot fire in the furnace sends clouds of burning soot through flimsy chimneys to fall upon a dry and rotten shingle roof. The combination is destructive.

Now is the time to look to the flue construction and the condition of the roof. Last year's supply of soot should be cleaned out, the mortar should be replaced in the chimney walls, and the roof might be replaced with a fire-proof material. Students who pay the price demanded for living quarters should be guaranteed safety for themselves and their possessions.

President Harding, in his views on education, once proposed the teaching of Spanish in the public schools. So do some University students.

AMERICANISM.

During the process of the recent World War many unforeseen characteristics of the American soldier were made evident. It is said of him that he was the most care-free, the most relentless fighter and the most cheerful soldier that fought in the trenches of France. He laughed at adversity, was not too highly elated over victory, scorned applause and performed his work in an efficient manner that did credit to the great American spirit. He left our country with no other thought but a determination to win the war. He carried into France the true American spirit because he had first been Americanized at home.

Americanism means more than standing on the street corner and waving the flag to passing troops, or rising when the national anthem is sung. It means more than buying liberty bonds or conserving food for the soldiers who are away from home in the discharge of their country's service. It means more than sacrifice of wealth, opportunities for pleasures and comforts in American homes or breaking of the home ties. All of these are splendid attributes of the spirit of loyalty.

ally for our homeland, but they are not all that is needed to represent the true American. To these might be added service for our country, and still we have not Americanism truly expressed.

To be an American in the true sense of the word, means living the ideals for which America stands. It means patient work in the interests of our country and an understanding of the things which could make America a better America. It means exercising those privileges given us by the Constitution, the holding of them as something sacred in our lives. It means protecting the fair name of America in peace as well as war. It means making a history of which our posterity can well be proud.

A custodian of the custom house at New York recently remarked: "I recognize that this bomb business is like an epidemic." At any rate, it requires the best of care.

WOMEN AND MEN

Dr. Mary Mills Patrick, president of the American College for Girls at Constantinople, is a native of New Hampshire, and studied at Heidelberg, Zurich, Leipzig and Berlin. Among her practical works is a translation of a text-book on physiology into Armenian, but she has also devoted intensive study to Sextus Empiricus, and to Sappho.

T. H. Caraway, junior senator from Arkansas, who has been leading the fight against Attorney-General Harry A. Daugherty, has been in public life less than a decade. He served eight years in the House of Representatives, and has been in the Senate little more than a year. His father, a country doctor in Missouri, was assassinated in a feud growing out of the hatreds of the Civil War.

Captain James A. Pedlow, the American Red Cross commissioner to Budapest, is said to be the most popular man in the Hungarian capital. Out of gratitude for his relief work among the starving war victims, the Hungarian government has erected a monument to him in the city park, which was recently unveiled on the twenty-fifth birthday of Count Apponyi, the "grand old man" of Hungary.

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, the sculptress and New York society leader, received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University last month. Mrs. Whitney was Gertrude Vanderbilt, daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and married Harry Payne Whitney, the capitalist, in 1896. She will be remembered in San Francisco as the sculptor of the wonderful reliefs that embellish the Fountain of El Dorado in the west wing-courtyard of the Tower of Jewels at the Exposition. Among her principal works are the Aztec Fountain in the Pan-American Building at Washington, and the Titanic Memorial for the same city.

Mlle. Nadeja Stancioff has the distinction of being the first regularly appointed woman secretary on any diplomatic staff in Washington. Mlle. Stancioff is the daughter of the Bulgarian minister to England and is not inexperienced in diplomatic maneuvers, as she has several times acted as charge d'affaires for Bulgaria in London in the absence of her father. In fact she is constantly mentioned in the court register as the first lady plenipotentiary welcomed by London since the days when the great Roman monastic orders sent abbesses to court on special missions. She was secretary-interpreter at the peace conference at Genoa. Mlle. Stancioff, who is a handsome woman in her early thirties, is a proficient public speaker and has been a lecturer at the Sorbonne. She is to take charge of the Bulgarian legation here in the autumn.

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What Others Say

Idols and Idolaters.

From the Dallas News.

The Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish.—Isaiah ii, 18.

In its essence idolatry is not necessarily the adoration or worship of graven images.

Man's idol is usually his "darling sin." It is, "the sin which doth so easily beset us."

The great Apostle to the Gentiles says: "We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one."

Whatever gains one's time, thought and effort to the exclusion of the time, thought and effort he should devote to the service of the living God, makes of him who so devotes himself an idolater.

The idolaters in Christian lands are far more culpable and offensive in the sight of God than were those with whom Paul remonstrated on Mars Hill.

They worshiped the "unknown god" ignorantly, but the idolater in Christian lands not only knows the true God, but he also knows what idols are, and what idolatry is and means. Therefore he "is without excuse," for he is serving his idol knowingly and premeditatedly. All his life he has had poured into his ears the admonition and commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." He has had the very words of the Apostle read to him over and over again, and read them himself. "Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Also the heroic old Testament maker of Tarsus declared, "God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is the Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything."

This beautiful passage not only shows the sins of idolatry, but the folly of material sacrifices, for here it is plainly implied that God is not in need of any material sacrifices which men can make Him. The Psalmist said centuries before Paul's day, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Again he says, "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; . . . burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required; and again, "For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt offering." Thus it is plain, as the Shepherd-King indicates, that "a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart," a heart which has realized the enormity of its sins, and has become sincerely repentant, and is reaching out for the hand of the Most High, who is seeking the true path to the "city which lieth four square," is the acceptable sacrifice. It is such as he who rejoices with great joy in the assurance that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Again does he find help and comfort in this assuring and encouraging passage, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

He who lies awake at night trying to devise means by which he may fleece his fellow-man out of money or any valuable thing is as effectually and really worshipping the golden calf as were the Children of Israel when they bowed down before the one Aaron made for them in the wilderness.

He who strives continuously to acquire those things which make for the gratifying of the physical senses is among those of whom Paul spoke when he said: "Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is their shame, who mind earthly things."

He who is bound with the chains of egotism and selfishness, of pride and unholy ambition, of envy and hate, is worse than an idolater who worships idols, but does not hate his fellow-man, for he is not only not worshipping his God, but is hating God's children. Parents who are so absorbed in pleasures and worldly sensual pastimes that they have no time for the bringing up in righteousness of their children are sacrificing them just as effectually on the altar of idolatry as did those who offered their little ones to Moloch, or threw them to the crocodiles in the Ganges River. The fire and torture, water and monsters, are not present, but wasted lives and evil influences are the result.

Incalculable is the influence for good of one loving, devoted, consecrated life; but just as great in the other direction is a life devoted to evil pursuits.

Even the thought of a human life being devoted to deeds of evil, to pursuing wicked pursuits, to wielding an evil influence, by either example or precept, is appalling.

One can but view with horror such a life. And yet, as awful and terrible as it is in its effect upon others and its eternal blight on the life of the one who lives it, there are such lives.

This is the worst form of idolatry, and we are told that idolaters can not enter the kingdom of God.

"Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."

THE NEW BOOKS

"Take It From Dad."

William Soule, successful sole manufacturer, of Lynn, has just sent his son, Ted, to Exeter. Ted thinks that he would much rather come on and work in the factory than study at Exeter. That reminds his father—and the father's letter, written by George C. Livermore, constitute the book, "Take It From Dad". They are uproariously funny and full of shrewd wisdom. Before we are through we know two stories, that of Ted and his success at Exeter and that of his father and his "school of hard knocks" in the shoe business. Boys and their fathers will meet Mr. William Soule of Lynn with great glee. The illustrations are by Bert Salge.

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COGGINS FOUND WAR AND UNREST IN SOME PLACES ON HIS TRIP

To witness, within a year's time, war between the Turks and Greeks and a Central American Revolution has been the experience of Cecil H. Coggins, of 1205 Paquin street, who returned to Columbia Friday after an absence of fifteen months.

Coggins left Columbia soon after his graduation from Columbia High School in 1921. He went to New Orleans where he shipped on a tramp steamer which was bound for Greece with corn for the Greek army. He left the steamer soon after its arrival in Greece and journeyed through the islands on foot. He attempted to go to Constantinople, but was unable to get through the Greek army or the Turkish armies' lines. He visited many places of historical interest during his tramp, which took all of what he called the most interesting three months of his life.

Tunis, Bizerta and Tangiers in the country of Morocco were his next stopping places. He returned to New Orleans in the fall of 1921 and there secured a position with the United Fruit Company in Central America. He went there as a time keeper for the company, which is the largest fruit company in the world, but was soon given charge of a banana plantation located about fifty miles inland from the city of Tela in Honduras.

The revolution which Coggins saw started a few weeks before he left and is still in progress. It was instigated, according to Mr. Coggins, by a few notorious American filibusters who make such occurrences help fill their pockets with the natives' money. Coggins described the natives of Honduras as a ragged, illiterate people with no religion, and not much more intelligence than savages. They are a mixture of Indian and Spanish. Spanish is the only tongue spoken there except by the white people. The people there are very credulous, according to Coggins. A rumor current there at the time he was leaving was that due to the railroad strike, this country was in a state of confusion bordering on civil war.

Coggins, who is but 20 years old, expects to enter the University this fall. He will study law. While in Columbia High School he was active on the track team, winning the quarter-mile race during the state high school track meet here in 1920.

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By United Press.
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A few days ago, an uncle who was visiting at the Lockard home, displayed a bright stone set in a ring. He told Pauline it was a Diamond.

"I have a diamond, too," she said, bringing her doll and the "big glass pin" from a dresser drawer. Her uncle at once recognized the value of the "glass pin." He took it to A. E. Smith, local jeweler, and now it's mounted in a beautiful ring. Well, Pauline's doll has worn the "glass pin" for the last time.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

E. H. Kerr went to Mexico for the week-end.

Miss Vivian Smith went to Higginsville today for a short visit.

Dean F. M. Tisdell is attending the State Fair. He will return tomorrow. Ruth and Mary McClanahan returned to their home in Fulton today after a visit with relatives here.

Miss Mary Chevalier left this morning for Denver, Colo., where she will teach in public schools this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Loudenhach left today for Atchison, Kan., where they will visit with relatives for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Martin returned this morning to their home in Maywood, Mo. They have been visiting E. M. and M. A. Lindsey.

Mrs. J. S. Hudson returned to her home in Ashland, Kan., today after visiting with Mrs. J. A. Hudson. 11 Glenwood avenue.

Mrs. Clara Ficklin, State Warden of the Rebeccas, left this morning for St.

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